

John Mason House
Route 751 vicinity
Durham vicinity
Chatham County
North Carolina

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE North Carolina	COUNTY Chatham	TOWN OR VICINITY Durham Vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) John Mason House		HABS NO. NC-91
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Route 751 vicinity		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1850	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) John Mason, builder	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Residence of John A. Mason, wealthy landowner.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek revival and Italianate elements		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame with clapboarding		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two stories, L-shaped		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gabled roof, exterior end chimneys, full-width front hipped entrance porch, center door with transom and side lights; flanking French Doors		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Flush wall sheathing, distinctive staircase with unusual newel posts		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Demolished (Previous to demolition this structure had been considerably vandalized); two story ell and one story rear section added, date unknown		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See field records for photographic views of house.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register		
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